NFDC's operations cover a wide range of activities like producing quality films, facilitating export of Indian films with special emphasis on small budget filmmakers, promoting Indian films through television and satellite channels, importing and distributing of foreign films and, providing high quality infrastructure facilities to the film industry, etc.

The Corporation has its Head office at Mumbai; three regional centres at Delhi, Chennai and Kolkata; and four branch offices at Trivandrum, Bangalore, Hyderabad and Guwahati.

In about two and a half decades NFDC produced/co-produced and financed more than 200 films many of which have been widely acclaimed and won international and national recognition. NFDC has also been instrumental in facilitating international exposure of the film industry through participation in major international film festivals and markets like Cannes, Hong Kong and American Film Market.

NFDC also extends technical facilities to the film industry in its various centers at Kolkata, Delhi, Chennai and Mumbai and its laser Sub-titling Center at Mumbai is the first of its kind in Asia meeting the Indian as well as foreign film industry's requirements.

NFDC provides assistance to film makers of all regions, but has stated that it has not received any suitable script for production of films from the State of Tripura.

Affairs of Kolkata DD Kendra

1591. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether incorrect interpretation of commercial rates by Doordarshan Kendra, Kolkata resulted in undue financial benefit of Rs. 2.20 crore to a sponsor if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government have taken any punitive step in the wake of the incident?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (b) The C and AG in Paragraph No. 5.3 of C and

AG Report No. 4 of 2003 (Civil) has pointed out that Doordarshan Kendra, Kolkata gave undue benefits in commercial terms to the sponsors of the programmes 'Aajke' and 'Mukho Mukhi' by not charging the rates as per the prescribed Rate Card.

The C and AG Para is under examination in consultation with Prasar Bharati.

Amount spent on advertisements

1592. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the details of the amount spent annually by various Ministries on advertisements during the last three years, Ministry-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Defaulting advertising agencies in Kolkata

1593. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the existing individual dues of ten top most defaulters of advertising agencies in Kolkata Doordarshan and AIR; and

(b) the number of reminders sent during the last six months to those agencies and the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Details of ten top most defaulters of advertising agencies in Kolkata Doordarshan and AIR, alongwith number of reminders sent to them is given in the Statement enclosed. (*See* below)